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Docket No. CLT-100
Serial No. 09/629,241Remarks

Claims 14-16 and 18-32 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 14 and 32 have been amended and claims 28 and 29 have been canceled. The undersigned avers that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 14-16, 18-27, and 30-32 are currently before the Examiner for her consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Claims 14-16, 18-20, 26, 27, and 30-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,463,189 to Deneke *et al.* (Deneke) in view of U.S. Patent 5,821,469 to Shanmugham in view of U.S. Patent 5,141,185 to Rumbold *et al.* (Rumbold).

Claim 14 has been amended in accordance with the examiner's suggestion to specify that "a metal framing member" is "a metal framing stud member" and "a main body" is "a main body being formed with a U-shaped wire receiving area". In addition, claim 14 has been amended to include the examiner's suggestion of the limitation "whereby the wiring clip is in continuous contact with the metal framing stud member except at the U-shaped wire receiving area". Claim 32 has been amended to incorporate analogous limitations. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14-16, 18-20, 26, 27, and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 21-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deneke in view of Shanmugham in view of Rumbold and further in view of U.S. Patent 3,508,730 to Knezo, Jr. (Knezo). The limitations of Deneke, Shanmugham, and Rumbold references have been addressed above with respect to the rejection of claim 14, from which claims 21-23 depend. The Knezo reference does not cure these defects. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Deneke in view of Shanmugham in view of Rumbold and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,538,782 to Kirschenbaum. The limitations of Deneke, Shanmugham, and Rumbold references have been addressed above with respect to the rejection of claim 14, from which claims 24 and 25 depend. The Kirschenbaum reference does not cure these defects. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

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In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, the applicant believes that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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